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Testimony on HB 439  
House Fish, Wildlife and Parks Committee  
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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Molly Immen and I'm here today representing Montana Audubon.

We think it is important that everyone who owns a private fish pond get a license. A license lets the state monitor where these ponds are located, as well as gives the Montana department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks the contact to provide educational material on the importance of a) only using fish from approved stocking facilities, and b) not to introduce exotic wildlife that may pose a threat to Montana's aquatic ecosystem.

This license is inexpensive – and it goes a long way towards allowing an important educational program to continue. Through an education program, it is MUCH easier to prevent exotic species and diseases from being introduced in this state. The alternative is to clean up problems that arise because citizens didn't know the law.

Thank You

Chapters:

Bitterroot Bitterroot Valley	Five Valleys Missoula	Flathead Kalispell	Last Chance Helena	Mission Mountain Polson	Pintlar Butte • Dillon	Rosebud Miles City	Sacajawea Bozeman	Upper Missouri Breaks Great Falls	Yellowstone Valley Billings
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